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In re the application of: Hermann Bujard, *et al.*

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Examiner: Ram Shukla

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Washington, DC 20231

**REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated May 23, 2000. A Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently herewith.

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate fee of \$890.00 for large entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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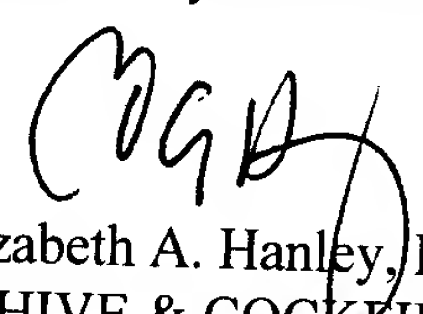
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